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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Kerala for the establishment of Kerala Forest Academy.

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)&(b) Yes,Sir.A proposal for establishment of Kerala Forest Academy has been received. The main objective of the proposed academy is to act as an institute for the training needs of the Kerala Forest Department.

(c) As such the Ministry of Environment & Forests is not having any scheme to support the project. However, Ministry has signed an Externally Aided Project titled "Capacity Development for Forest Management & Training of Personnel" with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The aim of the project is to improve the infrastructure of the existing training institutes of the States meant for training of front line forest personals, the course modules as well as teaching methodologies.The Project is to be implemented initially in ten States and Kerala is one amongst the participating States.The Consent letter from the Government of Kerala has been received.